

ORDINANCED #21-08

AN ORDINANCE TO RENUMBER SECTIONS 2-26 THROUGH 2-32 AS SECTIONS 2-27 THROUGH 2-33 AND TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2-26 TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II OF THE WILLIAMSBURG CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF THE WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL DURING THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS BEGINNING WITH THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted SB 1157, which requires that all municipal elections be held during the November general election; and

WHEREAS, the Williamsburg City Council election pursuant to city charter is held in May of even numbered years, and as a result of SB 1157, which overrides the city's charter, the City's May municipal elections must be moved to November; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Williamsburg that Sections 2-26 through 2-32 of Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, shall be renumbered as Sections 2-27 through 2-33 and a new Section 2-26 of Chapter 2, Administration, Article II, City Council, shall be enacted as follows:

CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE II. CITY COUNCIL

Section 2-26. Municipal Elections.

Notwithstanding Section 8 of the Williamsburg City Charter, the municipal election for members of city council shall coincide with the November general election in even numbered years, commencing with the general election in November 2022. Beginning with the general election in November 2022, and again every fourth year thereafter, the qualified voters of the city shall elect two members of council for terms of four years each. Beginning with the general election in November 2024, and every fourth year thereafter, qualified voters of the city shall elect three members of council for terms of four years each. The term of a newly elected city council member shall commence on January 1 next following the date of the November election and shall continue until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Except as otherwise herein above amended, the Code of the City of Williamsburg shall remain unchanged and in full effect.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Passed: July 8, 2021

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk